

# COVER SHEET

**Title:** Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP)

**Subject:** Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS)

**Lead Agencies:** California Public Utilities Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

**Abstract:** The TRTP was approved by the CPUC and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was granted December 24, 2009 (Decision 09-12-044); the Forest Service approved the TRTP in a Record of Decision issued October 4, 2010. Since that time, Southern California Edison (SCE) has constructed portions of the Approved Project and completed final engineering on other portions of the TRTP. In accordance with Mitigation Measure L-2b (*Aircraft flight path and safety provisions and consultations*), SCE has consulted with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Approved Project. On October 17, 2011, SCE filed a Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 to modify the TRTP in response to the recommendations of the FAA. Modifications include installation of marker balls on certain transmission line spans; installation of lights on certain transmission structures; and engineering refinements in Segment 8 between Chino and Mira Loma Substations to lower certain structures, which would require changing the previously approved tower type for seven (7) structures.

Following publication of the Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS (SEIR/SEIS) (April 2013), and as part of a separate proceeding for the TRTP (Proceeding Number A0706031), on July 11, 2013 the CPUC granted the City of Chino Hills' Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 (filed October 28, 2011) in Decision 13-07-018, which proposed undergrounding of the 500-kV T/L in the existing right-of-way (ROW) along an approximately 3.5-mile portion of the Project alignment through Chino Hills in lieu of the previously approved overhead transmission line.

The Final SEIR/SEIS analysis provided herein continues to analyze the Modified Project, as proposed by SCE based on the originally approved overhead design, including the addition of marker balls on eight (8) spans through Chino Hills. Placement of the transmission line underground through a 3.5-mile portion of Chino Hills would remove the need to add marker balls along this short segment of the overall TRTP alignment.

This SEIR/SEIS for the TRTP has been prepared to inform the public of changes to the Approved Project resulting from FAA consultation and the associated environmental impacts resulting from these changes, as well as to meet the needs of the State and federal agencies that will issue permits or other approvals for the Project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Per State CEQA Guidelines §15163(b), the supplement to an EIR need contain only the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised. As such, this SEIR/SEIS is focused to include a discussion only of the components and issue area impacts related to the proposed changes to the Approved Project recommended by the FAA. NEPA similarly states that "there shall be only brief discussion of other than significant issues," and "there should be only enough discussion to show why more study is not warranted" (40 CFR 1502.2(b)). The issue areas discussed in detail in the SEIR/SEIS include: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Noise, Visual Resources, and Traffic and Transportation.

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